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(SBU) On August 20, Poloff met with MFA IO Section Chief Do Hung Viet to stress, per reftel, the importance of an early resumption of talks on Western Sahara and to urge Vietnam to support the continued tenure of SYG Special Envoy Peter Van Walsum. Viet said that Vietnam understands the responsibility of the international community to support negotiations and shares an interest in facilitating a political solution acceptable to both sides of the conflict. He took note of the U.S. position on Van Walsum and promised to report the substance of the demarche to his superiors in the MFA and to Vietnam's mission at the United Nations.

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